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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, VM  
SUBJ: AMERICAN-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS

1. A DIPLOMAT PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO HANOI WHO RETURNED TO THE VIETNAMESE CAPITAL AT THE END OF MAY FOR A SHORT STAY DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY HIS IMPRESSIONS WHEN HE PASSED THROUGH BANGKOK AFTERWARDS. ONE OF THE SUBJECTS HE DISCUSSED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH WITH SOME OF HIS VIETNAMESE CONTACTS WAS THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-SRV RELATIONS.

2. SOURCE SAID THAT A CONCLUSION HE REACHED WAS THAT CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION REMAINS IN THE NORTH TO "RELATIONS WITHOUT AID." THIS OPPOSITION IS REPORTEDLY FOUND AMONG THE HIGHEST LEVELS AMONG SUCH PERSONS AS TRUONG CHINH AND VO NGUYEN GIAP. THERE IS A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER LE DUAN  
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SHARES THAT POINT OF VIEW, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE STILL ADHERES MORE TO HIS ROLE OF MEDIATING AMONG THE FACTIONS AND ARBITRATING THE FINAL DECISION. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS "CERTAINLY NOT OPPOSED" TO OUR DESIRE TO NORMALIZE WITHOUT GRANTING AID. PHAM VAN DONG CONTINUES TO LEAD THE MODERATE FORCES ON THIS ISSUE, BUT THERE IS A QUESTION OF HOW MUCH HE CAN ACCOMPLISH IN THIS REGARD. SOURCE SAID THAT VIETNAMESE

OFFICIALS SEEM TO BE PLEASED WITH THE TONE OF THE TALKS WITH THE U.S., REMINDING US HOW IMPORTANT TONE IS TO THEM. HE SAID THAT OPPOSITION TO "RELATIONS WITHOUT AID" IS ALSO SAID TO EXTEND DOWN AMONG LOWER PARTY CADRES AS WELL AS A SIGNIFICANT PORTION ON THE POPULATION IN THE NORTH.

3. COMMENT: HAVING MADE "REPARATIONS" BY THE U.S. A STEADY THEME IN BOTH ITS DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL PROPAGANDA FOR YEARS, THE VIETNAMESE LEADERSHIP IS ALREADY HAVING TROUBLE ADJUSTING TO THE PROSPECT OF NO AID AS IMPLIED BY RECENT ACTIONS BY CONGRESS.

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